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The Editor's Page

A BUSINESS LESSON FOR COLORED PEOPLE

When persons seek to prove that the Colored people are not capable of doing original things, it is the fashion to say that Negroes are great imitators; and these poor mortals pat themselves upon the back with pride, feeling that they have dismissed the subject of Negro inferiority with an unanswerable argument in its favor.

Imitation Not Always Disgraceful

I would remind them that in Europe 382,500,000; in Asia 30,000,000; in Africa 8,600,000; in America 144,600,000; and in Australia 5,700,000 persons, Christians—a total for the world of 571,400,000 people—of every race on earth are trying to IMITATE, to be like a Jew who called himself the "son of man," but who was announced to the world as "Christ the Lord."

Thus far this imitation has not been regarded as a mark of shame and racial inferiority; and, so, the Negro need not feel ashamed to imitate the worth-while qualities of any race.

Omitting all argument, and just admitting for the sake of argument that Negroes are imitators, particularly of their white neighbors, I am making a plea that my people imitate the worth-while qualities of white people; and in this particular editorial, I want to urge that we imitate the qualities which make white people more successful in business than has been true in our case thus far.

The Efficient Railroad Company

I am including in this article a diagram showing the departments of a successful railroad company as it is actually administered by white people and that same company **as we colored people would conduct it in ninety cases out of every hundred**; and when we are through reading the article, it will not alter conditions to throw up our hands in holy horror and declare that the writer has misrepresented the race; because away down in our hearts we will know that he has not.

Why A Railroad Company

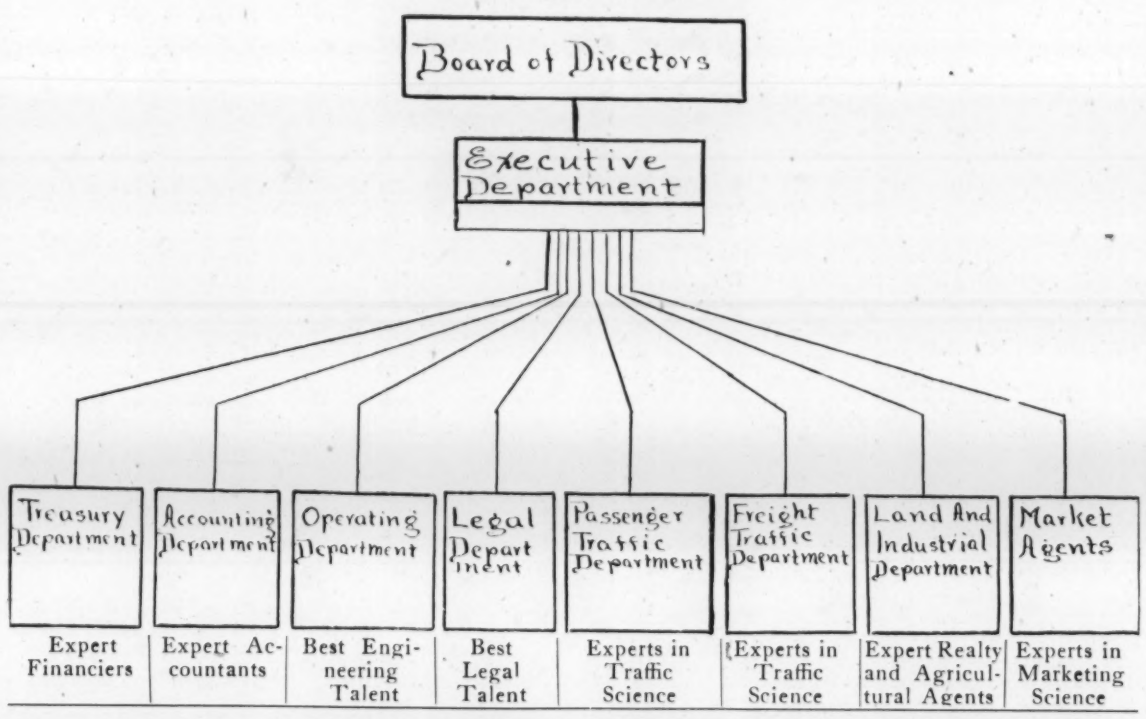
I have chosen a railroad company because such corporations are usually efficient and because I happen to know something of the inner workings of rail transportation companies and know of one railroad company very much in particular. Too, most of the railroads are owned by men who have part in the control of the most successful industrial plants—the huge corporations; and if I can depict the method of management of these railroads I can show what is successful management.

How A White Railroad Board of Directors Organizes Its Railroad

Examine the diagram shown herein

General Scheme of Railroad Management By White Board of Directors

(Scheme by I. Fisher)



The Aim is to get the Best Men for the Places—Not the Best Places for Men Wanting Them

and you will gain a fair idea of the departments into which a white board of directors will divide the management of the railroad in their charge. The details and method of exercising control are not the same for all railroads but the diagram is fairly representative of the general scheme.

For the executive department including the president, vice-presidents, managers and general managers, there will be selected a group of railroad men who have won their spurs in executive work or who have given evidence elsewhere of possessing great executive power. Being the direct representatives of the board of directors, they will be men of the highest executive talent, who know railroading from the carrying of a surveyor's chain to the execution of broad railroad policies.

In the treasury department will be found men thoroughly at home in the handling of large financial problems; and closely allied to them, in the accounting department will be found a group of comptrollers, auditors, claim agents and bookkeepers who are experts in the science of accounting.

For the legal department there will be not simply a lawyer or lawyers well versed in the general law but a corps of men who know every detail of corporation law and who have proven that they do—men who know the law of common carriers as they know their names.

Operating Department

In the operating department will be found a superintendent who knows every detail of the operation of freight and passenger trains; a superintendent of motive power and car equipment; one of dining cars; superintendents for divisions; one of telegraphs; a chief engineer of maintenance; a purchasing agent; a storekeeper; a chief surgeon, etc. All of these men are experts in their lines.

Passenger Traffic Department

Over in the passenger traffic department you will find, beginning with the General Passenger Agent and coming down through his assistant; the district passenger agents; traveling passenger agent; general agent of passenger department; traveling baggage agent, etc., a group of men who really know how to get, move and keep their share of passenger traffic and who know the science of ticket rate-making.

Freight Traffic Department

The men assembled in the freight traffic department are picked because they know freight rates, how they are made, upon what they depend and how high they must be maintained to be profitable. They know how to go into the market and get their share of freight; how to carry freight and bring back as few empty cars as possible—they know all about the subject. Closely allied with them is the land and industrial department which is composed of real estate and agricultural experts whose business is largely to induce settlers to buy homes along the railroad line so that there may be future passenger and freight traffic. And the market agent searches for markets for the products which are to be moved along the railroad by which he is employed.

White Men in Business Versus White Men in Politics

In Municipal, State and Federal Government, you will find that our white brother is willing to use the positions at his disposal to reward faithful political friends and other persons whom he likes for one reason and another; but—and it is well to note this, when our white brother enters business **in which his money is invested** he wants the best servants and officials that can be had. In the case of the railroad above, the men in the several departments are picked because of their special qualifications to do certain work. Personal considerations have least weight. To illustrate: Some years ago a prominent railroad had become almost bankrupt. The leading stockholder-owner went to a bank to borrow money to tide the road over. Bluntly, the man was told that the money could be had if the board of directors would elect a president for the road who was a real railroad man and who would be permitted to conduct the road without taking orders from this owner-stockholder who knew nothing about railroads. This was done and the road put on its feet.

A Study of Negro Methods

How would Negroes, with few exceptions, man the railroad whose organization has been sketched? Let me begin by including a plea that I have just read in the "African League," of November, 1915, published at Liberia, Africa. Says the editor:

"The time it at hand in the history of Liberia that the best man should be placed at the helm in every particular: for at our best we are behind the other nations. No use in putting a man in a place because he belongs to this or that tribe nor yet because he was born here or yonder. * * * * The question should be 'is he honest and industrious; can he bring things to pass' * * * no time to play friendship and politics. Liberia needs the men who are capable * * *."

This gives some idea how the railroad would be managed in Africa; and lest we American Negroes feel too "big," I'll say that with few exceptions, we would organize and conduct it, also, in a way which would lead some clear thinker to plead that we put best men into the places instead of men selected for other qualifications than their fitness.

Beginning with the executive we might select the man with the highest executive talent, if we liked him; but if we did not—well, we would compromise by selecting an inferior man even if he had never been inside of a railroad shop. That's "Us."

But even if we sought to salve our conscience and win the confidence of the public by getting the highest type of railroad executive we could find, I am afraid our system would break down here; for this is the way we would usually proceed:

We would have on hand a group of people who **must** have positions under the new railroad company. There would be some friends of the directors, of the president and of the stockholders. Some prominent persons and their sons and daughters; some Baptists or some Methodists or both; some pure black colored people or some mulattoes or both; some who attended Q University or Z Normal School; some who "looked" the parts and some to whom we were indebted for social favors; and some shrewd politicians who had just made up their minds that they would like some of the good places.

With this list in hand we would with few exceptions, count the departments to be filled and then set about distributing the people for whom places must be made to the nine railroad departments.

The Cost Of The "Colored" Method

After the treasury had suffered because that department didn't know finance; the accounting department, be-

cause the officials knew little accountancy; after the passenger traffic and the freight traffic officials had shown that they didn't know the science of their departments; after the president had taken a legal expert and put him at the head of the accounting department; after a strong executive official had been demoted from that department because some one there feared him; after a subordinate in the operating department had developed high executive ability but was refused promotion because his new position would make him equal to persons who had formerly been his superiors in position — after these things began happening, our road would head for bankruptcy.

A few Colored institutions have avoided these mistakes and have succeeded. A much larger number keeps making blunders like these and failing. Of course, some Negro business establishments fail for the same reasons that white organizations fail; but a large number fail because they do not know how to put down their likes and their petty jealousies and ambitions.

Impossibilities

A black man can't run a locomotive on his color—just because he's "fast" black; a Baptist's belief in immersion does not qualify him to get passenger traffic; to have a bank account does not fit a man to plead corporation law; a Methodist is not a good financier because he's a Methodist; to be a mulatto does not prepare one to operate the freight traffic department; to be a favorite bears no relation to keeping up the road-bed of a railroad. And yet all of this "tomfoolery" enters into most Negro businesses and institutions.

Follow the Efficient White Business Organization

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Gets the best man for each place.

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Plays no favorites.

Has no "rings" nor cliques.

Makes every employer know that there is a reward for faithful, efficient service.

To succeed, Negro business must learn to do the same.

—ISAAC FISHER.

WINNERS FROM THE SOIL

Colored Heroes of the Farm

STORY OF HENRY KIRKLAND—GARDENER

(Told by himself in Business League Meeting at Philadelphia.)

Mr. Henry Kirkland, (Contracting Gardener), Missouri: Mr. Chairman and Members of the League: I have been asked by my friends to tell you of my experience as a contracting gardener. It affords me great pleasure to be with you. I am from Missouri. (Laughter.) And I can show you that there is an independent life to be made by any colored man on the farm, if he isn't afraid of work. I was raised on the farm and my father and mother taught me how to work. The first thing I think a boy should always remember, he should never forget the tender care of his mother and father. Now unlike the other gentleman who spoke on farming, I don't raise cotton. I am a contracting (trucking) gardener, and any reasonable question concerning the ways and methods of gardening I can answer you on. I did not have the opportunity of getting an education or gaining my profession in an agricultural school like some boys who go there as regular students, but I picked up a wonderful amount of practical knowledge while employed with the Missouri State University Agricultural Department. I did something for that department; you can read here (holding up a book) where the boys of that department were taught by a Negro. I used to bring the boys down to the experiment grounds, and give them a practical demonstration of how different kinds of vegetables were raised; would tell them all about the latest and best improved methods of gardening. All I have got came by working hard. I came along and in 1873 I was in charge of a greenhouse; started myself by working for thirty cents a day without board. (Laughter and applause.) Yes, sir, only thirty cents a day and boarded myself. The second year my boss told me he would raise my wages according to my talent, and the next year he raised me to fifty cents a day; the fourth year I got 75 cents a day; the fifth year 82½ cents, and the sixth year I only reached one dollar a day; he said this was all the school could afford to give me.

Dr. Booker T. Washington: (Questioning the speaker,) You say you are a "contracting" gardener. What do you contract to do?

Mr. Henry Kirkland: I contract to furnish vegetables in large quantities, selling and shipping them according to order. I raise and sell all kinds of vegetables, berries, watermelons, radishes, rutabagas, onions and the like on a large scale. I was the first and only Negro in ten counties in Missouri to take a premium at the Shawnee Exhibit in 1911; at the World's Fair in 1904 they invited me to show again; I was there in 1904 and won second honor as a gardener at the World's Fair in St. Louis. (Applause.)

Dr. Booker T. Washington: And you started on 30 cents a day without board? (Laughter.) How much do you get now?

Mr. Henry Kirkland: I work for myself. (Applause.) I ship at one time as high as from three to five thousand heads of lettuce, twenty thousand bunches of radishes, dozens of crates of strawberries and other vegetables on a large scale. I own my own farm; being the only child, at the death of my mother in 1878 I fell heir to her land, and my determination was always to own a farm of my own. When I first started, my market wagon was an old wheelbarrow; I now own three town lots, 600 acres of land and $6,000 won't buy it. (Applause.)

Dr. Booker T. Washington: What kind of a market wagon is a wheelbarrow? (Laughter.)

Mr. Henry Kirkland: For several years I peddled vegetables in an old wheelbarrow. They used to laugh at me and criticise me for being a huckster, but now I have two wagons, with horses and harness; 416 feet of hot-bed sash, latest improved water works on my place, together with a nice barn and house to live in. I have raised my own horses and cows and am raising and educating two boys; I have six children in all; some of them are not in school yet. (Applause.)

WITH ONE OF OUR MACON COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERVISORS

Tuskegee Institute, Ala.,
January 31, 1916.

To Readers of Farmer
and Messenger:

It has been some time since the readers of the Negro Farmer and Messenger have heard from the public schools of Macon County. The reasons have been many. For a time there was no Messenger. I am beginning the New Year with this article to say that though one school has not heard from the other, that here and there, the people have been busy.

Since October 1st, I have made eighty-two (82) visits to various schools and communities in the county in interest of the schools. Particularly during the past few months I have posed as academic teacher, gardener, missionary, carpenter, and supervising industrial teacher.

Within the past seven months the Liberty Hill school has been rebuilt, making a spacious two-room school with two cloak rooms for students, closet for wood and teacher's private cloak room. The Sweet Gum school has been built. This school has two rooms, kitchen, library and two cloak rooms. A kitchen, vestibule and cloak rooms have been added to Tysonville school. Brown Hill school has been overhauled and kitchen added. Solomon Chapel school has been painted and sanitary toilets built. A neat two-room school has been made out of the old Russell Plantation school building. A spacious class room has been added to New Rising Star school. Through the strenuous effort of the teacher, Mrs. J. M. Powell, and her faithful set of trustees, another class room, bed room, dining room and kitchen have been added to Bethel Grove school. A very neat two-room school has been built at Chehaw. Pinkston Cross Road school has been completed. With the help of the teachers I hope to get these schools equipped and beautified inside and out before the term closes. The teachers of these respective schools are as follows: Misses Louise Dan's, Marian Martin, Minnie Simpson, Willie McMillan, Irene McClillan, Prof. and Mrs. Barney, Mrs. J. M. Powell, Annie Walker and Charity Harrison.

From the above you will see that a small minority of the communities have been hustling and that there is yet a tremendous task before the rest of us to make our schools and surroundings what they should be.

I am anxious that all the schools in Macon County compete for one of the ten ($10.00) dollar prizes to be given away this term, as was given away last term to the ten schools that made the greatest physical improvement during the term.

I want also to take this opportunity at the beginning of this New Year to thank the patrons of my various schools for their unstinted hospitality in taking care of me and my "little gray" so well and making it comfortable for us both when in their communities.

I have had four or five of my teachers to not only think of me, but they have wanted to show that they appreciated my efforts by having each child bring one ear of corn to school and answer to the roll with his ear of corn for my horse instead of answering "present." This I thought was a fine spirit and I appreciate the same.

It is our earnest hope to keep hammering away until Macon County schools come up to the standard of what we know Dr. Washington hoped and what our State agent, Mr. Sibley, hopes. I am trying to place special stress on cooking, serving and keeping kitchens in order this year along with my other work.

(Signed) S. L. WOODALL,
Supervisor.

EXTENSION SCHOOLS FOR NEGRO FARMERS IN MONROE—ADDRESSES BY WHITES

(Special to the Negro Farmer.)

Monroeville, Ala., January 28.—More than three hundred Negro farmers, their wives and children gathered at Claussell, a Negro farming community on the outskirts of Monroeville this week in the Baptist Industrial School of which Rev. A. L. Meggerson is principal, to attend a three days' session of an Extension School of Agriculture for Negroes, conducted under the auspices of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala.

The series of schools are in direct charge of the following force of Extension workers from the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute: T. M. Campbell, District Agent; N. J. Coleman, Home Economics teacher and C. W. Greene, local agent for Macon County. Only subjects with which the rural people are directly concerned are introduced and stressed by the instructors, such as: "Pasture Making," "Necessary Equipment for a One and Two-horse Farm," "Care of Farm Tools," "Crop Rotation," "Hog Raising," "Care of the Cow," "Seed Selection," "Diversified Farming," "How to Make Home-made Furniture," "Fighting the Fly," and "Child Welfare."

CARE OF LAYING HENS, AND EGGS FOR HATCHING

Everybody wants eggs in January and February, when they are worth their weight in silver, if not in gold, and strong healthy chicks in the spring. But these can be got only through the right care and feeding of hens.

As of course you know, different food materials contain different qualities. Some give us the fat necessary for warmth; others, nitrogenous qualities, which form flesh; still others, minerals, such as lime, soda, etc., needed for bone and muscle. With the hen it is of great importance that she have all these different ingredients blended in her food, as she requires them not only to sustain her in health, but also for the formation of eggs.

We will start with the foods that give the greatest quantity of lime, because it is needed for shell, and some fractional part in the white and yolk most essential, for it is turned during incubation into bone, the very foundation of the chicken. Clover hay, linseed meal, and wheat bran contain about six pounds of lime in every hundred, and turnip tops, carrots, and all grasses have a goodly percentage. Flesh comes from nitrogenous or albumenal foods, first of which are beef, linseed meal, middlings, bran, clover hay, wheat, and skimmed milk. Fat and heat we get from carbonaceous provender, among which corn and buckwheat lead, followed closely by oats, wheat, rye, clover hay, linseed meal, and unskimmed milk.

Mineral matter—lime, soda, potash, magnesia, and sulphur—is principally formed by the action of digestion in reducing to ash the matter containing these ingredients. The usual troubles assailing poultry on most farms come from the feeding of only one of these elements. Poor Biddy had all flesh and no warmth or all fat and no flesh.

Never allow the proportion to exceed what is needed for the purpose, or fat

will be made and stored, neutralizing all your care.

Green bone contains the natural meat juices, blood, gristle, oil, and mineral matter in soluble condition, which renders it easy of digestion, especially for birds—almost all the components for eggs (white, yolk, and shell) in the most concentrated form possible. So, if eggs are to become profitable, the bone mill must be kept going.

Now about the actual system of feeding. So long as there are less than a hundred birds, the morning mash can be made in the kitchen. Get a large saucepan or pail with a close-fitting lid. Mix at night, and stand behind the stove, where it will not become quite cold. A mash is made of equal parts of ground corn, oats, wheat bran, and two parts of green bone. Just moisten with boiling water. Food for hens should be almost dry, never wet. At noon give sprouted oats and some small grain, scattered on the litter in the poultry house. Barley and cracked corn, or Kafir corn and cracked corn, or millet, can be used in turn. At night the hens will eat up all the whole corn in ten minutes. Eggs are half water, so there must be always a constant supply of water before the birds. In very cold weather it is well to fill the drinking vessels three times a day with lukewarm water. A shallow box half-filled with fine coal ashes should be put where the sun will strike it, in the house or compartment, for the birds to dust themselves in. Keep oyster shell in small hoppers or boxes nailed to the wall.—Kate V. St. Maur in the February Mother's Magazine.

Explaining in the World's Work what he was trying to do, Dr. Washington gave the following as one of the things he was trying to do:

"There are in the Southern States nine million Negroes. There are three million Negro children of school age. Fifty-three per cent, or more than half, never go to school. Many of these Negro children, particularly in the country districts, are in school only from three to four months in the year. I am trying to get the white people to see that, both from an economic point of view and as a matter of justice and fair play, these conditions must be changed."

Ed Scott, a Negro of this city purchased a pig last spring under the Booker T. Washington suggestion that every Negro family in the South raise one pig, paying $2.50 for him, says a dispatch from Bryan, Tex., to the Houston Post. He killed the pig a few days ago and it netted 298 pounds. Scott gives his profits as follows: 168 pounds of meat at 10 cents, $16.80; 40 pounds of sausage at 12 cents, $4.80; 80 pounds of lard at 15 cents, $12; total, $33.60; cost of raising the pig, including purchase price, $12.50; net profit, $21.—Kansas City Sun.

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The "Big Words" and Events Explained

BRIEF DIGEST OF FACTS CONCERNING CAUSE, PREVENTION AND CURE OF PELLAGRA

Before the assembled Workers' Conference at Tuskegee on January 20th, the famous expert on the subject of Pellagra Dr. Joseph Goldberger, gave a clear description of the cause, prevention and cure of that great scourge of the South. The subject is so important that the comment made upon Dr. Goldberger's address by the Montgomery Advertiser is reprinted here for our readers:

DR. GOLDBERGER—PELLAGRA EXPERT

"If there had been nothing else at either the Farmers' or the Workers' Conference save the talk on the cause, cure and prevention of Pellagra, given by Dr. Joseph Goldberger of the United States Public Health Bureau, every one would have been paid over and over for coming. Dr. Goldberger analyzed the subject briefly and before the audience was aware of it, he had put at their disposal the whole sum of the knowledge that has been gleaned by exhaustive studies made on this subject. Himself an original authority, he spoke with the highest authority.

"The cause of Pellagra was given to be unbalanced diet—not what one eats but what he has failed to eat, i. e., a sufficient quantity of milk, lean meat, peas, beans and legumes in general, and eggs. With emphasis, Dr. Goldberger said that the disease is not at all communicable or 'catchin'; it is curable if dealt with in time—100 per cent of all cases can be cured if treated in time; and it is preventable by proper dieting. The disease can be prevented by eating the proper quantities of the foods mentioned—the exact amounts have not been determined, one must simply eat plenty of them; and it can be cured by the same remedy—proper dieting on the same foods and he said that medicines have nothing to do with curing the disease.

"Women suffer more from the ravages of the disease than men because they usually give the men of the house the best food and because they are eccentric in their diet, not liking this and not liking that. He said, also, that it is known that the physiological constitution of women differs from men.

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Dr. Goldberger urged every farmer to own a cow and drink plenty of milk. He said that neither corn nor corn-bread is responsible for Pellagra. The garden was emphasized as a special aid in stamping out the disease, particularly since peas and beans are garden products.

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Editor,
The Negro Farmer and Messenger,
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phrey and Bates, who spared no pains in trying to instruct their hearers along the lines of the many subjects discussed. The first half of the day was for the instruction of the colored people and the afternoon was for the white people. At many places the whites did not come out in large numbers, and so our folks stayed around and took in the entire day. The subjects discussed were as follows: "Dairying and Dairy Cattle," "The Boll Weevil Problem," "Sanitation," "Diseases of Stock," "General Health of Our People," and "Farming in General." I was indeed glad to receive an invitation to speak with them while they were in my territory. I met the car at Faunsdale January 11th, where we had a large crowd, including all of the pupils of the colored public school. At Allenville we had a good crowd of interested people who seemed to enjoy the meeting very much. At Gallion the crowd was larger and full of interest. At Vandorn we were met by a nice crowd that stayed with us until the meeting closed. At several of the above-named places the entire meeting for the colored people was turned over to me, and the white instructors sat and listened very attentively.

On February 10-11th, the Annual meeting of the Black Belt Farmers' Conference will be held at the Black Belt Normal Institute, Demopolis, Alabama. I remain,

Yours truly,
P. J. BROWN,
County Farm Demonstration Agent,
Gallion, Alabama.

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Waverly, Alabama.

Dear Editor:

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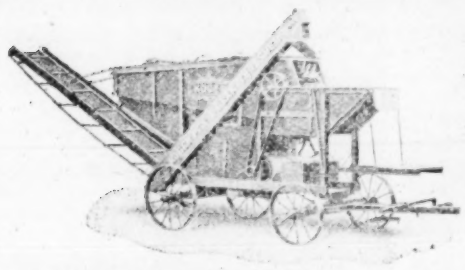

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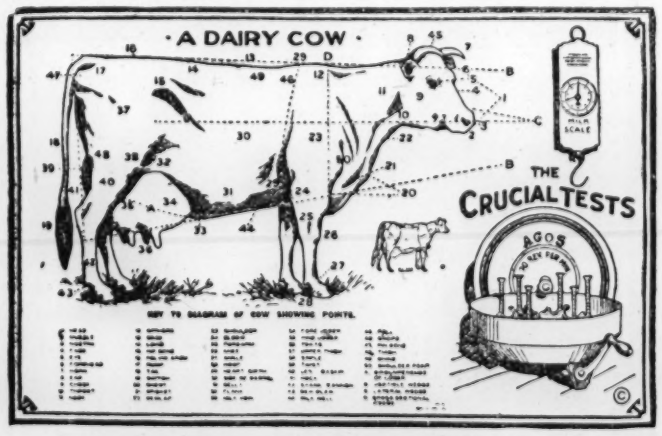

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Yours for the success of this and all other good works,

B. S. SANDS, Reporter.
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Pleasant Grove Community.

GARDEN CLUB WORK

Tuskegee, Alabama,
December 20, 1915.

My dear Mr. Huggins:

As a member of the Garden Club and as President of the Boys' Agricultural Club, I am writing to notify you that I am still at work. I have the following vegetables growing in my garden, that is: rutabagas, turnips, rape, collards and cabbages. It is my intention to follow these vegetables with onion, beets, English peas and any other vegetables that you may recommend.

I have a pig that weighs eighty pounds. I have also selected a bushel of Spanish peanuts to plant next spring. I have located a suitable plot for my acre of corn. It is our intention as boys and girls of Rising Star to keep ahead.

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